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LEGION IS WARNED ON SOVIET MIGHT

S. A. C. Chief Sees Russians Able to Launch Massive Missile Blow by '62

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By JACK RAYMOND Special to The New York Times. WASHINGTON, Jan. 28-In

sbout two years, the Soviet Union may have enough missiles to mount a massive attack on the United States, Gen. Thomas S. Power, commander of the Strategic Air Command, said today.

"There can be little doubt that the Soviets are producing ballistic missiles at the high ballistic missiles at the night rate indicated by Premier Khrushchev," General Power said. "It is therefore, conceivable sile program of the Air Force, that, within about two years, because this weapon and the they will have built up a sufficient submarine launched. Polaris stockholle to permit a passilwere attempts to achieve an

"When that time comes, we will have no active defense whatever against their ballistic missiles. We will have an interim warning capability within this time period. But we will not have in full operation warning systems which, under all circumstances, will give S. A. C. enough warning to get the alert force airborne before it can be destroyed on the ground."

"When that time comes, we that could not be destroyed by a surprise missile attack.

Meanwhile Gen. Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, testified before the House Armed Service Committee. He said the "only sure protection" against a surprise attack with long-range missiles would be an "airborne alert."

He said funds saved from the current budget plus new funds "will give us the means to sup-

ground."

General Power spoke to the "will give us the means to supNational Security Commission
of the American Legion at
the organization's headquarters
here. He drew a less reassuning picture than the Secretary
of Defense and other Administration leaders in recent testimony to Congress.

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"will give us the means to support an airborne alert operation, if it should be directed."

Tomorrow Allen W. Dulles,
director of the Central Intelligence Agency, will be the first
witness at the opening of the
hearings of the Senate Preparedness subcommittee and space Sciences

mony to Congress.

In another speech to the Legion group Senator Henry M. Jackson, Democrat of Washington, said he would seek appropriations, for ten new Polaris submarines this year. This would be seven more than the Desident had recommended in Desident had recommended in Desident Speech to the Lie Committee.

The hearings in the past have provided a platform for a defense debate. Mr. Dulles will testify in closed session and will be followed next Tuesday by officials of the Air Force in onen session. Lyndon B. Johnson President had recommended in open session. Lyndon B. Johnson

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He said he would also try to leader of the Senate, is chair-man of both committees.